



Proclamation

Child Abuse Awareness Month April 2016

WHEREAS, Children are key to Lumpkin County, Georgia's future success, prosperity, and quality of life. While children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable. Children have a right to be safe and an opportunity to thrive, learn, and grow in an environment that fosters healthy development; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Lumpkin County, Georgia's families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment and providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds, and consequently, building the foundations of community; and

WHEREAS, Effectively intervening in the lives of children threatened by abuse is a shared responsibility and Lumpkin County, Georgia's citizens must come together so that the voices of our children are heard by all. We all must ensure that our communities are extending helping hands to children and families in need; and

WHEREAS, Effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, By providing a safe and nurturing environment for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that Lumpkin County, Georgia's children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this county, state and nation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim April 2016, as **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**, In Lumpkin County, GA and urge families and communities to become involved in protecting Lumpkin County, Georgia's children..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hand and caused the seal of Lumpkin County to be affixed this 19th day of April, 2016.

Lumpkin County, Georgia

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Kathleen C. Walker, County Clerk

